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# H. RES. 1320

Expressing support for the vigilance and prompt response of the citizens of New York City, the New York Police Department, the New York Police Department Bomb Squad, the Fire Department of New York, other first responders, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Customs and Border Protection, the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, the New York Joint Terrorism Task Force, the Bridgeport Police Department, Detective Bureau, Patrol Division, and other law enforcement agencies in Connecticut to the attempted terrorist attack in Times Square on May 1, 2010, their exceptional professionalism and investigative work following the attempted attack, and their consistent commitment to preparedness for and collective response to terrorism.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 4, 2010

Mr. McMAHON (for himself, Mr. HIMES, Mr. HALL of New York, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. NADLER of New York, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. CLARKE, Mr. WEINER, Mr. ISRAEL, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. MURPHY of New York, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. OWENS, Mr. MAFFEI, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. TONKO, Mr. ARCURI, Mr. TOWNS, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. LEE of New York, Mr. SIRES, Mr. KISSELL, and Mr. ADLER of New Jersey) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the vigilance and prompt response of the citizens of New York City, the New York Police Department, the New York Police Department Bomb

Squad, the Fire Department of New York, other first responders, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Customs and Border Protection, the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, the New York Joint Terrorism Task Force, the Bridgeport Police Department, Detective Bureau, Patrol Division, and other law enforcement agencies in Connecticut to the attempted terrorist attack in Times Square on May 1, 2010, their exceptional professionalism and investigative work following the attempted attack, and their consistent commitment to preparedness for and collective response to terrorism.

Whereas on Saturday, May 1, 2010, an individual drove a vehicle loaded with explosive materials to Times Square in New York City and attempted to detonate a car bomb;

Whereas on the same day, two alert citizens, Mr. Lance Orton and Mr. Duane Jackson, notified the New York Police Department about a suspicious vehicle that was parked on 45th Street in Times Square;

Whereas on the same day, New York City Police Officer Wayne Rhatigan, while patrolling on horse, responded to the reports of a suspicious vehicle and acted swiftly with his colleagues in the New York Police Department and the Fire Department of New York to thwart the detonation of the car bomb;

Whereas New York City first responders safely evacuated hundreds of people from Times Square and responded in a prompt and effective manner, as the result of extensive terrorism preparedness efforts that are supported, in part, by the Department of Homeland Security; and

Whereas in response to the Times Square incident, the Transportation Security Administration has enhanced ongoing efforts to increase security on various transportation modes: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2           (1) commends the actions of Mr. Lance Orton  
3       and Mr. Duane Jackson for promptly alerting appropriate  
4       authorities about the suspicious vehicle in  
5       Times Square on May 1, 2010;

6           (2) urges all Americans to remain vigilant  
7       about potential terrorist or suspicious activity within  
8       their own communities and report such activity to  
9       the appropriate authorities;

10          (3) recognizes the New York City Police Department,  
11       in particular Police Officer Wayne  
12       Rhatigan of Mounted Unit Troop B, the Fire Department  
13       of New York, the New York Police Department Bomb Squad,  
14       led by Lieutenant Mark  
15       Torre and other first responders, the Federal Bureau  
16       of Investigation, United States Customs and  
17       Border Protection, the United States Attorney's Office  
18       for the Southern District of New York, the Department  
19       of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice,  
20       the New York Joint Terrorism Task Force,  
21       the Bridgeport Police Department, Detective Bureau,  
22       Patrol Division, and other law enforcement

1 agencies in Connecticut for their consistent commit-  
2 ment to preparedness for and collective response to  
3 terrorism;

4 (4) recognizes the exceptional professionalism  
5 and investigative work by the New York Police De-  
6 partment, the New York Police Department Bomb  
7 Squad, the Fire Department of New York, the Fed-  
8 eral Bureau of Investigation, United States Customs  
9 and Border Protection, the United States Attorney's  
10 Office for the Southern District of New York, the  
11 Department of Homeland Security, the Department  
12 of Justice, the New York Joint Terrorism Task  
13 Force, the Bridgeport Police Department, Detective  
14 Bureau, Patrol Division, and other law enforcement  
15 agencies in Connecticut in apprehending a suspect  
16 only 48 hours following the attempted bombing; and

17 (5) urges all Federal agencies to continue to  
18 work with State, local, and tribal partners to bolster  
19 preparedness for and prevention of terrorism.

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